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Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) OLDHAM, Gary Clee			TENTATIVE ID <input type="checkbox"/> UNIDENTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/>		CASE NUMBER 2015-00772		
	REPORTED BY P. Fernando		REPORTED BY PHONE NO. (925) 847-3000		REPORTING AGENCY Valley Care Medical Center		REFERENCE NUMBER 15-003096	
	INVESTIGATOR Tim Engel		CALL DATE AND TIME 3/4/2015 0:02		CASE TYPE Removal Case			
DECEDENT	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 3/3/2015 22:45		DATE OF BIRTH 1/17/1978	AGE 37 Years	GENDER Male	RACE Puerto Rican	MARITAL STATUS Never Married	VET? <input type="checkbox"/>
	HGT 70	WGT 155	EYE COLOR Brown	HAIR COLOR Black	OCCUPATION Warehouse Worker		EMPLOYER	
	Preliminary Summary							
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH Valley Care Medical Center						LOD TYPE Hospital - IP	
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 5555 W. Las Positas Boulevard Pleasanton CA 94588						COUNTY Alameda	
	Manner Suicide			Death Certificate Signed By:				
	Cause A Anoxic encephalopathy				Interval		Minutes	
	Cause B Asphyxia				Interval		Days	
	Cause C Hanging				Interval		Days	
	Cause D				Interval			
NOTIFICATION	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN 			RELATIONSHIP 		TELEPHONE NO. 		
	NOTIFIED BY			METHOD Present at Death		DATE AND TIME 3/3/2015 22:45		
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD Personal Identification			DATE AND TIME 3/3/2015 22:45				
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT Santa Rita Jail Out Patient Housing Unit Cell 1						AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 5325 Broder Boulevard Dublin CA 94568						COUNTY Alameda	
	INVESTIGATING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS			INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER		OFFICER L. Tucker		
DISP	FUNERAL HOME Colonial Chapel				BODY RELEASED TO FUNERAL HOME ON 3/7/2015 15:12			
	Full Autopsy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial Autopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Record Review <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection w/Specimen <input type="checkbox"/>				EXAM BY Thomas W. Rogers			



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Investigator Narrative

Decedent: OLDHAM, Gary Clee
Case Number: 2015-00772
Investigator: Tim Engel

First Call Information:

On Tuesday, March 3, 2015, about 2320 hours, I (Engel) received a phone call from Nurse P. Fernando of Valley Care Medical Center (VCMC) Critical Care Unit (CCU). Fernando called to report the death of Gary Oldham, a 37 year old male. On Saturday February 21, 2015, about 2022 hours, Deputy D. Lincoln #943 found Oldham hanging in cell 1 in the Out Patient Housing Unit of Santa Rita Jail. Oldham was suspended by a bed sheet. Deputy Lincoln and Deputy J. Rubalcava-Gomez removed Oldham from the sheet ligature and a nearby nurse began CPR. EMS was called and responding paramedics took over life saving measures. Paramedics were able to obtain a pulse. Oldham was transported "code 3" to VCMC Emergency Room (ER). Oldham went into cardiac arrest and life saving measures were continued. After multiple rounds of attempts to revive Oldham, he was intubated and placed into the CCU on life support. On Wednesday, February 24th, Oldham was released out of custody from Santa Rita Jail. On Tuesday, March 3, 2015, about 1500 hours, Oldham was extubated and was placed on comfort care by his family due to his poor prognosis. About 2245 hours, Oldham's family members observed him to stop breathing. Nurse P. Fernando was called to the room and pronounced Oldham's death.

Medical Summary:

Oldham was in the Out Patient Housing Unit at Santa Rita for a [REDACTED]. The details of this injury are unknown. Oldham did not have any known prior attempts at suicide. Per friends at the hospital, [REDACTED] Oldham recently was arrested and he told friends [REDACTED].

Due to the length of time that had passed from Oldham's admission to the hospital to his death, no admission blood was available.

Doctor Maria Magat gave the following details, in summary, concerning the head injury of Oldham. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The nurse noted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Oldham was taken to a trauma room and an on call doctor was called. The doctor gave instructions for Oldham to be placed into the Outpatient Housing Unit (OPHU) for observation and neurochecks. Oldham was given a [REDACTED] Oldham was placed in the OPHU and was given a mattress on the floor for safety. Neurochecks were consistently made throughout the rest of the shift and into Saturday, February 21, 2015. These checks were noted to be unremarkable. Oldham reported he was feeling fine throughout the checks.



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On Saturday, February 21, 2015, about 1630 hours, Oldham was served dinner by the OPHU deputy. About 2015 hours, Oldham was observed to be lying prone on his mattress. Oldham told the deputy he was feeling okay. About 2025 hours, a deputy and nurse went to Oldham's cell to give him medication and found Oldham hanging by a sheet formed into a ligature. Two deputies got Oldham down, the nurse began CPR, and 911 was called. Responding paramedics took over CPR. Oldham was stabilized and was transported to VCMC "code 3" where, on March 3, 2015 at 2245 hours, he eventually succumbed to his injuries.

When Oldham had been booked into Santa Rita Jail he [REDACTED] He did not take any medication. Oldham [REDACTED] He also [REDACTED]

Description of the Death/ Injury Scene:

Oldham died in the CCU of Valley Care Medical Center. Prior to being transported to VCMC, Oldham had been in cell #1 of the Out Patient Housing Unit at Santa Rita Jail, where he had hanged himself using a bed sheet as a ligature.

Body Identification:

While at the hospital, I (Engel) used the "Blue Check" mobile identification device to obtain Oldham's finger prints. The finger prints were a match for Oldham. I placed the results into the case file for future reference.

On Friday, March 06, 2015, I (Beasley) received a fax from the California Identification Bureau (CIB). A comparison was made between Oldham's fingerprints and the fingerprints associated with PFN (Person File Number) [REDACTED] with name Gary Oldham and with DOB: 01/17/1978 from the records and files of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office -CIB in Oakland. The fingerprints were identified to have been made by the same subject. (SB2018)

Next of Kin Investigation:

Oldham was never married and had no children. His legal next of kin (NOK) is his mother [REDACTED] who was present in the room when Oldham was pronounced deceased.

Other Agency Reports:

Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Deputy J. Rubalcava-Gomez is the primary deputy assigned to this case. Refer to ACSO report #15-003096 for his investigation.

Property and Evidence:

I (Engel) issued Coroner's receipt # 35675 for this case. No property or clothing was brought into the Bureau with Oldham's body.

Coroners Fees:

Coroner's fees are body removal (\$254) and body preparation (\$67). These fees total \$321.00 so far and will be explained to NOK.



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As of May 26, 2015, the fees have not paid. An invoice will be mailed to Oldham's mother, [REDACTED] to request payment. I (Engel) placed a hold on this case pending payment of fees.

Other Investigative Details/ Supplemental Information:

On Wednesday, March 4, 2015, about 0230 hours, I (Engel) arrived at VCMC ER. I was met by Nursing Supervisor Tami Orr and was escorted to the morgue. I located Oldham's body in a body bag on a metal tray. The body bag had a tag on the outside with Oldham's name on it. I opened the bag and saw he was in a supine position and he was completely nude. Oldham had an intravenous line on his right shoulder, a catheter, and bag for collection of fecal waste. Oldham had a light mark on his neck and an approximate 4 inch scar on his abdomen but no other trauma was noted. His skin was warm to the touch. Rigor mortis was minimal. Livor mortis was not observed. I took digital photographs of Oldham. I used the "Blue Check" mobile identification device to obtain Oldham's finger prints. I placed paper bags over both hands and secured them with zip ties. I moved Oldham over to my gurney and placed him into the Coroner's van. I left for the Bureau.

Upon my arrival at the Bureau, I processed Oldham's body into the morgue and digital intake photographs were taken at that time. All digital photographs were later transferred to a compact disc (CD) and were placed with the case file for future reference.

Findings:

On Thursday, March 5, 2015, about 0855 hours, Coroner Pathologist Doctor T. Rogers performed an autopsy on the body of Oldham. Doctor Rogers determined the cause of death was anoxic encephalopathy due to asphyxia due to hanging. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Oldham did make the overt action to make a ligature out of a bed sheet and he secured the ligature in such a way as to make it possible to hang himself. Based upon these facts, I (Engel) determined the appropriate manner of death to be suicide. (TPE1611)

Supervisor Review:

On Tuesday, July 7, 2015, I (Lt. Bowers) reviewed this report for closure. I concur with the findings. As of today, July 7, 2015, there are still fees of \$321 outstanding. I consider this case "closed" with fees pending. A hold remains on this case, pending the payment of the outstanding fees. (rmb906)

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: March 5, 2015
FROM: Thomas Wayne Rogers, M.D.
TO: Case File 2015-00772
SUBJECT: AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy performed upon the body of Gary Oldham at the Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California, on March 5, 2015, at 8:55 a.m.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- 1) HANGING (BY HISTORY).
- 2) CEREBRAL SWELLING.
- 3) ADULT RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME AND BRONCHOPNEUMONIA, LUNGS.
- 4) HYPERTENSIVE CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE:
 - A) CARDIOMEGALY WITH LEFT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY
 - B) GRANULARITY OF KIDNEYS.
- 5) ADHESIONS, LEFT PLEURAL CAVITY.

CAUSE OF DEATH: ANOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY DUE TO ASPHYXIA DUE TO HANGING.

cc: EMS
District Attorney
Investigations Bureau

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Body of GARY OLDHAM

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of an African-American male appearing the stated age of 37 years. There is a Coroner's identification tag present on the right big toe. The body is 70 inches long and weighs 155 pounds.

The body is presented in a supine position with the head rotated towards the left shoulder. Both arms lie alongside the body. The body is nude. Paper bags cover the distal aspects of both arms.

There is no obvious blood on the body.

Rigor mortis is fully developed. Lividity is present over the backside of the body.

There is the following evidence of MEDICAL THERAPY:

1) A vascular catheter in the right subclavian area.

2) A Foley catheter in the external genitalia, secured to the medial aspect of the right thigh. It is connected to a urine collection bag that contains extremely scant amounts of urine.

3) A fecal collection catheter in the rectum, attached to a collection bag that contains about 400 cc of liquefied feces.

4) A medical band about the right wrist.

5) A medical band about the left wrist.

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23 6) A second medical band about the left wrist.

24 7) A vascular catheter in the lateral aspect of the right
25 forearm, inferior to the midportion.

26 8) Some crusted needle puncture marks over both forearms.

27 9) Needle puncture marks surrounded by green ecchymotic
28 discoloration on the dorsal aspect of the left hand.

29 No blunt injuries are noted to the body.

30 The hair is black and about 3/4 inch long. Pupils are
31 round. Irises are brown. Sclerae are white. No petechial
32 hemorrhages are noted. Ears, nose and lips are normal. A short
33 mustache and beard are present. The neck is nonremarkable. A
34 furrow is not grossly visible about the neck.

35 The chest is flat. Breasts are consistent with an adult
36 male. The abdomen is flat. Just to the right of the midline,
37 at the level of the umbilicus, is a 4-inch, well-healed, linear
38 scar with punctate suture marks to either side of it. The
39 external genitalia are normal.

40 Over the anterior medial right lower leg is 2-1/2 inch,
41 vertically oriented, well-healed scar. Legs and feet are
42 otherwise nonremarkable.

43 Arms and hands are normal. The fingernails have been
44 clipped prior to autopsy. No binding indentation sites are

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45 present about the arms or hands. No smoke, powder or stippling
46 is identified on either arm or hand. No further needle puncture
47 marks are present. No hyperpigmented scars are present over
48 accessible veins. No blunt injuries are noted to arms or hands.

49 The back is nonremarkable.

50 Tattoos are present on the torso and the right forearm.

51 INTERNAL EXAMINATION

52 The body is opened through the usual Y-SHAPED INCISION.

53 BODY CAVITIES: Focal adhesions are present in the left
54 pleural cavity. The right pleural cavity, pericardial cavity
55 and peritoneal cavity are lined by smooth, glistening surfaces
56 and contain no fluid. Ribs and diaphragms are intact.

57 HEART: In situ, the heart is slightly enlarged, with the
58 apex just beyond the left midclavicular line. The heart weighs
59 450 grams. The epicardial surface is smooth and glistening.
60 Ventricular myocardium is brown. There is a mild, concentric
61 left ventricular hypertrophy present. Chambers are normal.
62 Valves are normal. No myxoid degeneration of the mitral valve
63 is present. No vegetations are present on valve leaflets.
64 Coronary ostia are patent. The coronary system has its usual
65 anatomical distribution and is nonremarkable. No thrombi are
66 present.

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67 VESSELS: The aorta and tributaries are minimally involved
68 with atheromatous change. The pulmonary artery and venous
69 system contain no thromboemboli.

70 TRACHEA AND BRONCHI: Lined by pale yellow mucosal
71 surfaces.

72 LUNGS: The left lung weighs 740 grams. The right lung
73 weighs 1480 grams. The surface of the left lung is focally
74 adhered. The surface of the right lung is smooth. Lung
75 parenchyma is prominently congested and edematous. In addition,
76 there is a rubbery consistency to the lungs, most obvious in the
77 posterior aspects, consistent with an ARDS. A prominent
78 bronchopneumonia is present in the right lower lobe. Airways
79 contain no sputum. Arterial system is nonremarkable.

80 ORAL CAVITY: The teeth are natural. None are acutely
81 missing or loose. No abnormalities of the oral cavity are
82 noted.

83 ESOPHAGUS: Lined by a white, wrinkled mucosal surface.

84 STOMACH: The stomach is empty. The mucosal surface is
85 tan. No tumors or ulcers are noted.

86 INTESTINES: Covered by smooth serosal surfaces. No
87 abnormalities are noted.

88 LIVER: Weighs 3000 grams. The serosal surface is smooth

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89 and glistening. The anterior margin is sharp. The parenchyma
90 is brown and prominent congested. Chronic passive congestion is
91 present. No tumors are present. No fatty metamorphosis or
92 cirrhosis is present.

93 GALLBLADDER: The gallbladder is of normal size. Its
94 surface is smooth. Its wall is of normal thickness. It is
95 lined by a green velvety mucosal surface. It contains 30 cc of
96 bile and no stones.

97 PANCREAS: The pancreas is of normal size. Its parenchyma
98 is yellow-brown and lobulated. No tumors are present. No
99 saponification is noted.

100 SPLEEN: The spleen weighs 300 grams. Its capsule is gray
101 and smooth. Its parenchyma is red-purple and soft.

102 ADRENAL GLANDS: The adrenals are normal in size and have
103 their usual triangular shape. Sectioning of them reveals non-
104 remarkable cortex and medullary parts. No hemorrhages are
105 present.

106 KIDNEYS: The left kidney weighs 270 grams. The right
107 kidney weighs 210 grams. Surfaces are mildly granular.
108 Parenchyma is brown and moderately congested. There is a
109 distinct corticomedullary separation. Papillae are normal. The
110 calyces and pelves of both kidneys are nonremarkable. No

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111 obvious abnormalities are noted of the ureters. No stones are
112 present.

113 BLADDER: The bladder contains no urine. It is lined by a
114 tan mucosal surface. No trabeculation or tumors are present.
115 No diverticula are noted.

116 PROSTATE: The prostate is of normal size. Its parenchyma
117 is yellow-white and rubbery. No tumors are noted.

118 TESTICLES: Normal.

119 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: No abnormalities noted.

120 NECK: The hyoid bone and laryngeal structures are intact.
121 Soft tissue about the larynx is normal. The larynx is free of
122 obstructing material. The cervical vertebral column is non-
123 remarkable. The thyroid gland is of normal size. Sectioning of
124 it reveals a nonremarkable red-brown parenchyma.

125 CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: Soft tissue about the cranial
126 vault is normal. The brain weighs 1250 grams. There is mild
127 flattening of the gyri and sulci of the cerebral hemispheres.
128 Sectioning of the brain reveals no further abnormalities.
129 Stripping the dura from the inner table of the skull reveals no
130 abnormalities.

131 SPECIMENS:

132 1) Heart's blood

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- 133 2) Leg blood
- 134 3) Liver
- 135 4) Tissue
- 136 5) Photographs

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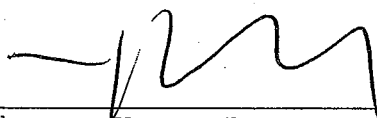
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